

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in this application.

Election

The Examiner has required an election in the present application between:

Species I, illustrated in Fig. 1;

Species II, illustrated in Fig. 2; and

Species III, illustrated in Fig. 3.

Additionally, the Examiner has required that upon the election of one of the above-identified species, the Applicant must further elect a single sub-species from the following:

Sub-species A, illustrated in Fig. 5;

Sub-species B, illustrated in Fig. 6; and

Sub-species C, illustrated in Fig. 7.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect Species I, illustrated in Fig. 1, and Sub-species A, illustrated in Fig. 5, without traverse.

Claims 1, 2 and 9-11 are directed to the elected species I and claim 9 is directed to the elected sub-species A.

Applicants note that claim 1 is necessarily generic at least with respect to all of the species recited in claims 2-11 which depend from claim 1.


Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned, at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- ☐ Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- ☐ Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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